

**RESOLUTION 09-08**

**2009 ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Elder Abuse is the broad term used to identify mistreatment of elder and disabled adults, and abuse and neglect of elderly and disabled adults is one of most under-recognized and under-reported social problems in this country, and,

**WHEREAS**, The magnitude of the problem is likely to increase for several reasons, especially with the anticipated rise in the number of elderly population, and

**WHEREAS**, Mistreatment can take many forms: Physical Abuse; Emotional Abuse; Sexual Abuse; Neglect by Caretaker; Self-Neglect; and Exploitation; Financial Exploitation, and,

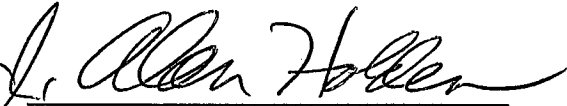
**WHEREAS**, Between 500,000-5 million people suffer Elder Abuse every year, and,

**WHEREAS**, It is estimated that approximately one out of every 14 cases of Elder Abuse is reported, and,


**WHEREAS**, Elder Abuse is preventable:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Holden Beach recognizes the month of June as Elder Abuse Awareness month and encourages all residents and other jurisdictions to become more aware of this problem and join in the prevention of Elder Abuse.

ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

  
J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Heather Finnell, Town Clerk

